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## **REQUEST FOR THREE - MONTH TIME EXTENSION**

Applicants hereby request that the time for response to the outstanding office action herein be extended three months, to expire on December 3, 2002.

A check to cover the three - month time extension fee for a small entity in the amount of \$460.00 is transmitted herewith.

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